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Railroads

1. There are no tunnels on the Burgas-Yambol section of the Burgas-Yambol-Sofia line. Bridges are located as follows:
  - a. Between Bulgarovo (N 42-37, E 27-19) and Aytos (N 42-42, E 27-15), a steel bridge, single-track, eight to 10 meters long; and
  - b. Between Zimnitsa (N 42-35, E 26-35) and Yambol over the Tundzha River, two steel bridges, single-track.
2. The Burgas-Sredets (now Grudovo) railroad is scheduled to be finished early in 1953. It is repeatedly stated that the line is to be extended from Sredets to Elkhovo, but as yet no construction preparations have been made.
3. The Burgas-Sredets railroad has been staked out (stakes at 50-meter intervals) over the following route:
  - a. Burgas;
  - b. Dolno Ezerovo (N 42-31, E 27-22);
  - c. "Can Kardash" (possibly Bratovo, N 42-30, E 27-19);
  - d. Polski Izvor (N 42-17, E 27-17);
  - e. Trastikovo (N 42-28, E 27-16);

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- f. Three kilometers northwest of Debelt (N 42-24, E 27-16);
  - g. Drachevo (N 42-14, E 27-15); and
  - h. Sredets.
4. Construction of the Burgas-Varna (now Stalin) railroad is believed to have been started in early 1952. Since there is already a line from Varna to Stara Oryakhovo (N 42-59, E 27-48), it is the section from Burgas to Stara Oryakhovo which is presently under construction. This is a single-track, standard-gauge line and will pass through the following communities:
- a. Dolno Ezerovo (N 42-31, E 27-22);
  - b. Lozovo (N 42-33, E 27-25);
  - c. Rudnik (N 42-37, E 27-30);
  - d. Luka (N 42-37, E 27-33);
  - e. Kamenar (N 42-38, E 27-34);
  - f. Kableskovo (N 42-39, E 27-35);
  - g. Aleksandrovo (N 42-41, E 27-36); and
  - h. Other villages and towns to the north (names unknown).

Work is being done on both ends of this line. At the Burgas terminal, work is carried out by the State Naval construction establishment (Morska Stroitelna Sektsiya); all employees are civilians and no Trudovaks or prisoners are used. As of 15 November 1952, tracks had been laid as far north as Lozovo and grading had been completed as far as Aleksandrovo. The status of the work between Aleksandrovo and Stara Oryakhovo is not known, but the line was scheduled to be completed by the end of 1952.

5. Since the Burgas-Stara Oryakhovo line runs through fairly level country, there are no tunnels. Bridges are located as follows:
- a. Between Dolno Ezerovo and Lozovo, a reinforced concrete, single-track bridge, approximately eight meters long, and four meters above water level; and
  - b. Between Lozovo and Rudnik, three reinforced concrete, single-track bridges, approximately eight meters long, and four meters above water level; only one bridge was finished as of November 1952.

#### Highways and Travel Control

6. All the highways listed below are secondary roads about six meters wide and have a gravel and sand surface approximately 40 centimeters thick. The portions which line within the Burgas district are in the "best" condition. All bridges listed below are strong enough to support a loaded 12-passenger bus. 25X1
- conductors on public buses are supposed to check travel documents in addition 25X1 to the regular checks made by Militia and Border Guard personnel, and 25X1 they are sometimes fined by the Militia for failing to carry out these checks.

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7. A highway was constructed by Trudovaks in 1951 from Trestikovo (N 42-28, E 27-16) to an unknown point on the Burgas-Malko Turnovo highway. The road passes through Debel't (N 42-24, E 27-16). Shortly before November 1952, four reinforced concrete bridges were being constructed over the Sredetska River south of Debel't by the State construction establishment at Burgas (Stroy Obedinenie). One of the bridges, already completed is approximately 10 meters long, six meters wide, and four meters above water level; the second will be about 15 meters long, and the other two bridges will be eight to 10 meters long.
8. The only check point on the Elkhovo-Voden (N 42-05, E 26-53) route, which follows the Elkhovo-Burgas highway as far as Mamarchevo (N 42-08, E 27-47), is immediately outside Elkhovo. The inspection is carried out by Militia men.
9. The Burgas-Elkhovo highway, 108 kilometers, passes through Sredets (now Gradovo), Slivovo (N 42-14, E 27-01), Golyamo Krushevo (N 42-18, E 27-55), Bolyarovo (N 42-09, E 26-48), and Dobrich (N 42-10, E 26-40). Bridges are located as follows:
  - a. At "the edge of" Konstantinovo (N 42-29, E 27-18), a reinforced concrete bridge with three arches, approximately 30 meters long, six meters wide, and six meters above water level;
  - b. Approximately five kilometers north of Sredets, a reinforced concrete bridge with four arches, approximately 40 meters long, six meters wide, and eight meters above water level;
  - c. At "the edge of" Bolyarovo village, a reinforced concrete bridge approximately 20 meters long, six meters wide, and six meters above water level; and
  - d. Between Zlatinitsa (N 42-09, E 26-42) and Dobrich, located one kilometer east of Dobrich, a strong wooden bridge approximately 20 meters long, six meters wide, and six meters above water level.

The Burgas-Malko Turnovo Highway (81 kilometers)

10. Identity cards and travel permits are checked by Border Guards at Poda (a place just south of Burgas where there is a bridge over the mouth of Mandren Lake), again at Zvezdets (N 42-08, E 27-24) by Border Guards, and by the Militia before passengers leave the bus in Malko Turnovo. Travel permits are not required from those passengers whose identity cards bear a Military cachet of the 2 Border Zone, indicating that they are residents of this Border Zone.
11. This highway is sometimes blocked by heavy snow for as much as a week at a place called Bosna (approximately N 42-11, E 27-26), the juncture of the Burgas-Elkhovo highway with the Burgas-Malko Turnovo road.
12. Bridges are located as follows:
  - a. Between Burgas and Zvezdets, five or six kilometers north of Zvezdets, a reinforced concrete bridge 12 meters long, six meters wide, and four meters above water level;
  - b. Between Zvezdets and Brushlyan over the Veleka River, a reinforced concrete bridge 10-12 meters long, six meters wide, and four meters above water level; and
  - c. Between Brushlyan and Malko Turnovo, two kilometers north of Malko Turnovo, a stone bridge approximately 10 meters long, six meters wide, and three meters above water level.

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13. There are 12 concrete road barriers south of Indzhe Voyvoda (N 42-13, E 27-42),<sup>1,2</sup> four of which are between Indzhe Voyvoda and Zvezdets and eight of which are between Zvezdets and Malko Turnovo. These barriers were built in late 1951 and early 1951 and are constructed as follows: 10 are made of three reinforced blocks (two 2-meter square blocks are located on either side of the road and a third, supported by wooden rollers, is at the side of the road in such a position that it can be rolled off the rollers to close the space between the first two concrete blocks) and the other two barriers consist of two reinforced concrete blocks (four meters high, measuring two by two meters at the base, located on either side of the road, one two meters ahead of the other; when these two blocks are pushed over onto the road, a spike near the top of the block goes into the bed of the highway). Going north from Malko Turnovo, the barriers are located as follows:
- a. Six or seven kilometers north of Malko Turnovo where the highway descends into a valley;
  - b. One hundred meters past the first barrier, at a turn in the road;
  - c. Eleven to 13 kilometers north of Malko Turnovo (five or six kilometers past the second barrier), at a point where the highway commences to slope upward;
  - d. Three kilometers past the third barrier, at a point where the highway starts down between cliffs;
  - e. Fifty meters past the fourth barrier, where there is a cliff on the right side of the highway;
  - f. Forty or 50 meters past the fifth barrier, where there is a cliff on the right side of the highway and a slope on the left;
  - g. Two or three kilometers past the sixth barrier, where there is a cliff on the left and a slope on the right;
  - h. One kilometer past the seventh barrier, where there is still a cliff on the left and a slope on the right; this is three or four kilometers south of Zvezdets;
  - i. Approximately three kilometers north of Zvezdets, where there is a cliff on the right and a slope on the left;
  - j. One or one and one-half kilometers past the ninth barrier, where there are cliffs on both sides of the highway;
  - k. Approximately four kilometers past the tenth barrier, where there are also cliffs on both sides of the highway; and
  - l. Approximately eight kilometers past the eleventh barrier and about four kilometers south of Indzhe Voyvoda, at a turn in the road where there is a cliff at the left and a slope at the right.

#### Other Highways in the Burgas Area

14. The Burgas-Momina Tsirkva highway, 65 kilometers long, follows the Burgas-Elkhovo highway as far as Slivovo (N 42-14, E 27-01) and then branches off to Fakiya (N 42-11, E 27-05) and Momina Tsirkva (N 42-09, E 27-01). Travel documents are checked at Fakiya by Border Guards and at Momina Tsirkva by Militia men.
15. The Togarevo (N 42-16, E 27-04) - Bosna (N 42-11, E 27-26) highway, approximately 40 kilometers long, connects the Burgas-Elkhovo highway with the Burgas-Malko Turnovo highway.

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